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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAX ET AL.

Examiner

Mojdeh Bahar

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.2b) ☒ This action is non-final.3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.**Disposition of Claims**4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-15 is/are rejected.7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.**Application Papers**9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.**Attachment(s)**1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6.4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sanchez et al. (WO 95/19108).

Sanchez et al. (WO 95/19108) teaches a method for reducing shiny, moist, oily appearance of the skin employing a composition comprising of beta-cyclodextrin, see example 4, page 5 lines 14-20 in particular.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanchez et al. (WO 95/19108).

Sanchez et al. (WO 95/19108) teaches a method for reducing shiny, moist, oily appearance of the skin employing a composition comprising of beta-cyclodextrin, see example 4, page 5 lines 14-20 in particular. Sanchez et al. also teaches a skin and hair cleaning composition comprising from about 1% to 30% cyclodextrins (alpha, beta and gamma) by weight, see claims 6-11 in particular. Sanchez et al. further teaches that its composition is employed in methods of removing lipids from the skin and hair and can be used in treating patients suffering from seborrhea or acne, see page 1, lines 4-5 and page 3, lines 1-2.

It would have been obvious to employ Sanchez's composition in a method of treating diseases/conditions associated with the production of sebum.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ Sanchez's composition in a method of treating diseases/conditions associated with the production of sebum because the Sanchez composition is known to be useful in methods of dilipidating hair and skin and thereby treating conditions associated with sebum production.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mojdeh Bahar whose telephone number is (703) 305-1007. The examiner can normally be reached on (703) 305-1007 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

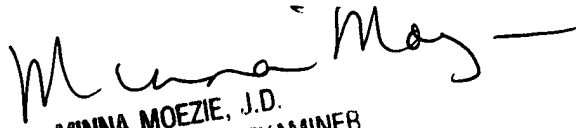
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minna Moezie, J.D., can be reached on (703) 308-4612. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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